GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5467
ANSWERED ON:28.04.2003
CONSTRUCTION OF DAMS/BARRAGES ACROSS INTER-STATE RIVERS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of approvals accorded by the Union Government for constructing dams/barrages by the State Governments across Inter-State rivers during the last five years;

(b) whether State Governments have the authority to construct such dams on Inter-State rivers without the approval of the Union Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (c) Irrigation being a state subject, the responsibility of planning, investigation, funding alongwith priority, execution, operation and maintenance of dams/barrages primarily rests with the concerned State Governments themselves. As per the guidelines for investment clearance of dams/barrages to be constructed on any inter-State river, the detailed project report prepared by the state Government is submitted to the Central Water Commission for techno-economic appraisal of the central appraising agencies. The central appraising agencies examine such report from inter-State angle and other aspects and if found feasible the same is submitted to the Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Water Resources. After acceptance by the Advisory Committee the Planning Commission provides investment clearance for the project. Investment clearance preceded by techno-economic clearance of the central appraising agencies is a prerequisite for taking up construction of dams/barrages by the States. The details of dams/barrages across inter-State rivers approved by the Planning Commission during the last five years are given in the Statement enclosed.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5467 FOR ANSWER ON 28.04.2003 REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF DAMS/BARRAGES ACROSS INTER-STATE RIVERS

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Name of the State	Major/ Medium	Estt. Cost (Rs. in crore	Benefits (Thousand hectare)	Date of Approval
1.	Pagladiya Dam Multipurpose Project	Assam	Major	542.90	54.160	03.01.2001
2.	Sidhata Irrigation Project	Himachal Pradesh	Medium	33.62	3.150	02.02.2000
3	Upper Krishna Stage-II Multipurpose Project	Karnataka	Major	2358.86	227.00	13.12.2000
4.	Bargi Diversion Project	Madhya Pradesh	Major	1101.23	376.514	06.07.1998
5.	Omkareshwar Multipurpose Project	Madhya Pradesh	Major	1784.29	283.32	15.05.2001
6.	Upper Beda Irrigation Project	Madhya Pradesh	Medium	89.51	13.365	10.09.1998
7.	Bawanthadi Irrigation	Maharashtra	Major	161.57	57.12	16.12.1999
8.	Tillary Irrigation Project	Maharashtra	Major	217.22	34.298	31.03.2000
9.	Lower Indira Irrigation Project	Orissa	Major	211.70	38.87	04.02.1999
10.	Lower Suktel	Orissa	Major	217.13	29.845	25.06.1999
11.	Kanupur Irrigation Project	Orissa	Major	428.32	47.709	16.09.2002
12.	Ravi Project Unit-I {Ranjit Sagar (Thein) dam with Shahpurkandi dam	Punjab	Major	5065.48	-	05.11.2001

	project and UBDC Hydel project Stage-II } - Multipurpose					
13.	Bethli Irrigation	Rajasthan	Medium	13.07	4.316	26.10.1998
14.	Chauli Irrigation	Rajasthan	Medium	28.87	8.963	26.10.1998